

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 30-33, and 36 are pending.

The Office Action allows claims 2-6 and 30-33. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bozek U.S. Patent 4,942,861 ("Bozek") in view of Firestone U.S. Patent 3,670,711 ("Firestone").

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the allowance of claims 2-6 and 30-33. Claim 1 has been amended and new claim 36 has been added. The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's amended independent claim 1 sets forth that "said first axis (X) is positioned at a certain distance from a second axis (X1) situated at an end of the lower arm (2) for mounting the crossbow bow (12)". New claim 36 sets forth that "said crossbow (12) pivotably connects with the lower arm (2) about said second axis (X1)". Support for these amendments can be found, for example, at FIG. 4 and ¶45 of applicant's specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable over Bozek and Firestone, whether taken alone or in combination, at least because neither reference shows or in any way suggests a tiller for a crossbow having an upper arm and a lower arm pivotally connected with each other about a first axis in the front part of the tiller, whereby the first axis is positioned a certain distance from a second axis situated at an end of the lower arm for mounting the crossbow.

Applicant submits that claim 36 is patentable at least because it depends from patentable claim 1. Moreover, neither Bozek nor Firestone shows or in any way suggests a second axis which is situated at an end of the lower arm and about which the crossbow is pivotably connected with the lower arm, as set forth by claim 36.

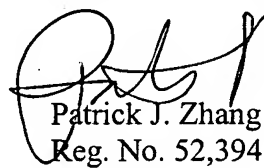
Accordingly, applicant submits that claims 1 and 36 are patentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a formal notification to that effect at an early date is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-8305 (direct dial).

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